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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S REMARKS AT JULY 17
NEGOTIATING SESSION ON DEFENSE COOPERATION

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1. IN RESPONDING TO TURKISH DELEGATION CHAIRMAN ELEKDAG'S
PREPARED STATEMENT AT DEFENSE COOPERATION TALKS CALLED BY GOT
THIS AFTERNOON (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR MACOMBER STRESSED THAT US
SHARES GOT VIEW AS REGARDS MUTUALITY OF OUR SECURITY INTERESTS
AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN DEFENSE COOPERATION.
TO EMPHASIZE USG INTEREST, HE OUTLINED IN FULL DETAIL AND AT LENGTH
EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND OTHER USG
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LEADERS TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND NOTED

IMPORTANT COOPERATIVE STEPS TAKEN BY CONGRESS' DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP. HE STRESSED THAT IN HIS MANY YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AND IN ALL HIS CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON EXPERIENCE, HE HAD NEVER WITNESSED SO MUCH EFFORT DEVOTED TO ONE PROBLEM AND ONE COUNTRY.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO OUTLINED, IN SPIRIT OF CANDOR, THE CRITICISMS MADE BY OPPONENTS IN THE CONGRESS ESPECIALLY OVER THE USE OF US ARMS IN PHASE TWO. AT THE SAME TIME, HE OUTLINED THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARGUMENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THE LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME WAS STILL UNCERTAIN, THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WERE RESULTING IN MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVING A FAR MORE ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION THAN THEY HAD AT THE TIME OF THE EARLIER VOTES. WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DID NOT ENDORSE THE FRASER AMENDMENT AND WOULD IN FACT LIKE TO SEE IT ELIMINATED FROM THE FINAL BILL, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME, PARTICULARLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION, IN EXPLAINING HOW MUCH BENEFIT WOULD REMAIN FOR TURKEY EVEN IF FINAL LEGISLATIVE RESULT CONTAINED THE FRASER AMENDMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

3. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT USG DOES NOT SHARE GOT VIEW THAT DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS NO LONGER OPERATIVE. USG POSITION DOES NOT, HOWEVER, ALTER ITS WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN DISCUSSIONS ON OUR FUTURE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AS GOT HAS REQUESTED.
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